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YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Sports Institutions
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted to set up National Sports Schools, Universities, Academies in the country;
(b) whether the Government proposes to set up such sports institutions in the country including remote and farflung areas;
(c) if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified for the purpose, State/UT-wise;
(d) the present status thereof and the funds allocated/spent for the purpose, State/UT-wise; and
(e) the steps taken by the Government to promote national sports and sportspersons in rural areas including tribals across the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) Sir, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) under its Sports Promotional Schemes has set up National Sports Academies which are single discipline high performance sports training centres where best available talent sourced from all over India are nurtured. The criteria for the setting up National Sports Academy is availability of discipline specific infrastructure and good residential facilities.
(b) to (d) At present there are 10 National Sports Academies & 5 Regional Sports Academies operational in the country. Most of them have been established in the existing infrastructure with SAI/Govt. None of the existing Academy is in the remote and far flung areas. Further, Government is also setting up a National Sports University in Koutruk in West Imphal district of Manipur.
(e) To promote sports in the country, this Ministry, through Sports Authority of India (SAI), is implementing the following sports promotional schemes across the country to identify talented sports persons in the age group of 8-25 years and nurture them to excel at national and international competitions:
â€¢ National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)
â€¢ Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)
â€¢ SAI Training Centre (STC)
â€¢ Special Area Games (SAG)
â€¢ Extension Centre of STC/SAG
â€¢ Centre of Excellence (COE)
â€¢ National Sports Academies (NSA)
Also, a new Scheme called "Khelo India − National Programme for Development of Sports", is being implemented by this Ministry as a Central Sector Scheme from the financial year 2016-17. This Scheme provides for conducting sports competitions at District, State and National level in two age groups of (i) under 14 and (ii) under 17 to encourage mass participation of both boys and girls in Sports all over India including rural and tribal areas and creation of sports infrastructure facilities, namely, Synthetic Athletic Track, Synthetic Hockey Field, Synthetic Turf Football Ground, Multipurpose hall, Swimming pool, etc., and identification of sporting talents.
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